

**TOWN OF EGREMONT
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES
OCTOBER 30, 2013**

ATTENDING: MRS. LAURA ALLEN, MR. MIKE BANDZIERZ, MR. JON BEATTIE, MR. THOMAS BERKEL, MR. RALPH NOVECK, MR. EDWARD SCARBRO

ABSENT: NONE

OTHERS ATTENDING: Mr. Kevin Zurrin

1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT: 5:34 PM o'clock, Chair Mrs. Allen presiding

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF:

a. October 16, 2013 Approved: Yes 6, No 0.

3. NOTICES:

a. Members received notices that they are due for renewal of their on-line ethics training. This was a source of some consternation as at least two members have only recently completed the training. This will be clarified with Mary Brazie.

b. Mrs. Allen advised that there is a BOS meeting at which Scanlon & Associates may be commenting on the financial audit just completed. Mrs. Allen will seek to be included on the agenda.

4. HANDOUTS: Preliminary 2012 Audit Draft Management Letter.

5. REVIEW OF DEPARTMENT EXPENDITURE REPORTS:

a. Mrs. Allen anticipated a new report for FY2012 current to 31 October.

b. Mrs. Allen is awaiting Year End 2013 results.

c. A Revenue Report for 1Q FY2014 has been requested.

6. WATER ENTERPRISE FUND AUDIT: No Update

7. ANNUAL REPORT DRAFT REPORT: The Chair provided a draft report for review by the members and for discussion at the next regular meeting.

8. ALL DEPARTMENTS MEETING

a. Messrs Noveck and Bandzierz attended the session. They responded to a couple of questions related to the Enterprise Fund Audit.

b. They remarked that the Wired West representative estimated another two years to implementation.

c. The fire apparatus seems to be back on track with a target of \$400,000.

- d. Highway Department is likely to request new equipment.**
- e. There has been no word from Ms. Bucknell or her attorneys. There was brief related discussion that the committee should be alert to the possibility of being asked to make financial examinations of alternative options if the policing situation should change unexpectedly from the current track.**
- f. Mr. Noveck remarked that the audience was quite sparse at the session with a notable lack of second home owners. It was a meeting of the departments speaking to each other.**

8. CITIZENS' ITEMS: None

9. NEW BUSINESS: None

10. FINANCE COMMITTEE UPDATES: None

11. NEXT MEETING: Wednesday 6 November 2013 at 5:30 PM o'clock.

12. ADJOURNED: There being no further business before the Committee the meeting was adjourned at 6:39 PM o'clock.

Respectfully submitted,

**Thomas R. Berkel, Secretary
Egremont Finance Committee**

These Minutes Approved 6 November 2013: 5 Yes; 0 No.